



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:	:	Docket No. 5169-0011-1-1
Stephen C. Wardlaw et al.	:	Date: November 9, 2006
Serial No.: 10/733,542	:	Group Art Unit: 2863
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TITLE: APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING QUALITY CONTROL  
IN AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL ANALYSIS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants offer the following response to the Final Office Action of August 10, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination is provided herewith. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14 and 19-24 are pending and rejected.

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